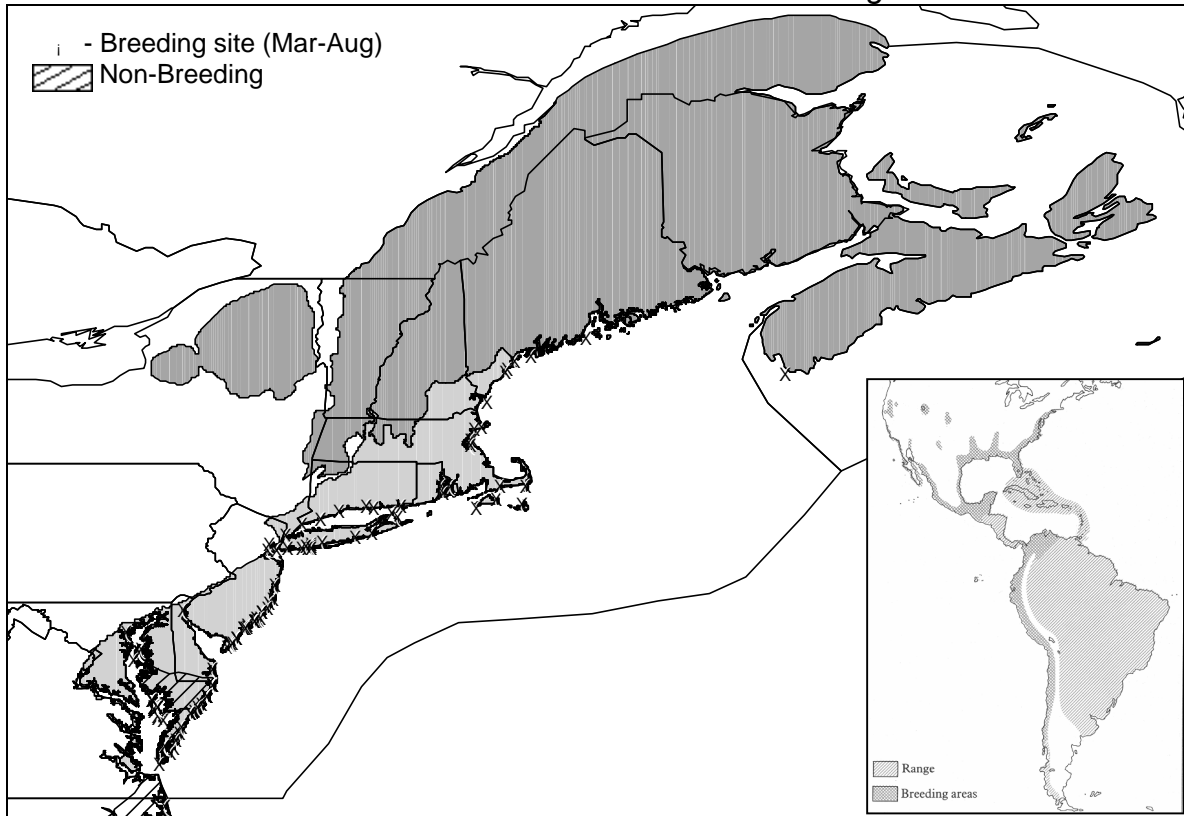


SNOWY EGRET

Egretta thula thula



Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds in region; winters in BCR 30
- Habitats used: marshes, lakes, ponds, lagoons, mangroves and shallow coastal habitats; breeding in bushes and trees

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=4

Regional Abundance

- 1990s population size: US—13,576 (87 colonies)
- 1970s population size: US—20,468 (87 colonies)
- 33.7% decrease in regional population

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=4

Regional Threats

- Extremely vulnerable to pesticide contamination (esp. DDE) which causes cholinesterase depression
- Ingestion of plastics and Styrofoam
- Loss/degradation of wetland nesting and foraging habitat; Mammalian predators

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
>680,000 – 1,535,000t	>143,555b	109b	13,477b	10,685b	1,648b	1,243b	10
IUCN- Not Evaluated	NAWCP- High Concern (PI=28-63%)	High (PI<1%)	High (PI=9%)	NJ-S3B, S4N; DE-S1B MD-S3S4B; VA-S2B, S3N	NY-S2S3; CT-S1B, SZN; RI-S1B, SZN; MA-S1; VT-no info	MA-S1; NH-SZN; ME-S3B; NB, NS- no info	QC-no info; PE-no info; NB, NS- no info

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 3.2 chicks fledged / nesting female / year; *Foraging Habitat:* FL 2.8 km from colony; less than 1.4 km typical of birds in FL Everglades; great variety in foraging habitat - salt marsh pools, tidal channels and flats, freshwater marshes/swamps, ocean inlets and lake margins, brackish/marine habitats with relatively shallow water and shoreline; *Issues:* Renewed need for monitoring and research due to decreasing populations across part of range. Colony-site restoration and maintenance of important wintering areas are crucial. Species responds well to protective listing and management measures.; *Needs:* monitor, local control/site-specific impacts; *Population Goals:* restore (increase), target 16,300-19,900b; *Habitat Goals:*